Earth

Heredity



• Gregor Mendel (mid-1800's)

- o European monk
- o Experimented with pea plants
- o "Father of Genetics"
- o Reported results at a meeting in 1865 and published results in 1866; scientific peers considered his work to be unimportant
- o His work was rediscovered in 1900 (by: Hugo deVries, Carl Correns, and Erich Tschermak)
- o Mendel's Conclusions
 - □ Organisms inherit traits in pairs one trait from each parent.
 - □ Some traits are dominant and some traits are recessive.
 - □ Dominant traits express themselves when the dominant gene is present, and the recessive traits stay hidden.
 - Recessive traits only express themselves when the dominant gene is absent.

• Walther Flemming (1882)

- o German biologist
- o Discovered chromosomes

• Karl Correns (1900)

- o German botanist
- Discovered incomplete dominance a case that in some gene pairs neither gene is dominant nor recessive (the genes work together producing a blended or mixed trait)
- Worked with four-o-clock flowers (red X white = pink)

• Walter Sutton (1902)

- o American graduate student
- o Discovered where genes are in a cell (used a grasshopper!)







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